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APPLICANT: THIELE, et al.  
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN  
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE  
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF SERIAL NO. 08/817,018

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